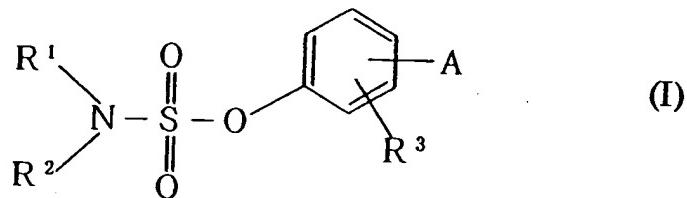


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (New) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts:

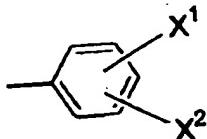


wherein:

R¹ and R² each independently represent a hydrogen atom;

R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, -OSO₂NR¹R², a lower alkanoylamino group, a nitro group or a cyano group; and

A represents a group represented by the following formula:



where X¹ and X² each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, -NHSO₂NR¹R², an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxy carbonyl group,

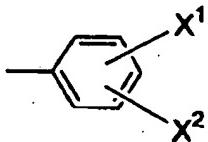
or a naphthyl group;

provided that, when R³ represents a hydrogen atom, either X¹ or X² represents a group which is not a hydrogen atom.

Claim 19 (New) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

Claim 20 (New) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A is located at the 4-position.

Claim 21 (New) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A represents a group represented by the following formula:



where X¹ and X² each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, -NHSO₂NR¹R², an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxy carbonyl group.

Claim 22 (New) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 20 wherein X¹ and X² are each located at the 2- or 4-position of the phenyl group.

Claim 23 (New) A steroid sulfatase inhibitor containing a steroid sulfatase-inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18.

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Claim 24 (New) An agent for the treatment of breast cancer, which contains a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18.

Claim 25 (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

Claim 26 (New) A method for the treatment of breast cancer, which comprises administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, to a human being.
